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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GERMAN VIEWS ON THE SPANISH SAHARA PROBLEM.

1. AT MY LUNCHEON TODAY WITH STATE SECRETARY HERMES, HE REPORTED ON A CLANDESTINE VISIT TO THE FRG BY THE MOROCCAN FONMIN LAST WEEKEND. HERMES SAID THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION MOROCCANS FEEL VERY INSECURE. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE ALGERIANS OUTNUMBER THEM IN MANPOWER AND FIREPOWER AND IN EVERY OTHER QUANTIFIABLE MEASURE OF MILITARY SUPERIORITY. IF THE SPANISH SAHARA CONFLICT CONTINUES WITHOUT RESOLUTION FOR A LONG TIME, HERMES BELIEVES THAT ARAB AND AFRICAN SUPPORT WILL SHIFT MORE TOWARDS ALGERIA IN THE SPANISH SAHARA DISPUTE. MOROCCO IS IN INCREASING DANGER OF BEING SERIOUSLY ISOLATED. EVENTUALLY IT IS NOT JUST THE SPANISH SAHARA WHICH IS AT ISSUE, BUT THE STABILITY OF THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT. HERMES WONDERED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES COULD PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE, GIVEN THE PROBLEM OF CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT.

2. COMMENT: THE DARK PICTURE PAINTED TO THE GERMANS BY THE MOROCCANS WAS NO DOUBT COLORED BY THE FACT THAT THIS WAS A FISHING EXERCISE FOR ARMS (WHICH THE FRG TURNED DOWN UNDER THEIR ARMS POLICY). HOWEVER, THE GERMAN VIEW OF THE MOROCCAN SITUATION IS SIMILAR
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IN MANY RESPECTS TO THAT WHICH I REPORTED TO YOU ON

MY RETURN FROM THE TRIP TO ALGERIA.
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